

REMARKS

This is in response to the Official Action mailed January 2, 2004. A Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time (with fee) is filed concurrently. Accordingly, this Response is timely.

Claims 14-22 remain pending.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the thorough analysis of the prior art and Applicant's prior comments, as well as the careful analysis of the claims and the indication of allowable subject matter of Claims 17 and 18.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of Claims 14-16 and 19-22 based on U.S. 6,416,890 (Terneu, et al.). This document describes an anti-solar coating stack comprising at least two oxide layers, and the preferred underlayer is WO₃. Other possible underlayers are identified e.g., in Terneu, et al. Claim 1. No examples are provided which include an AlNO (aluminum oxynitride) underlayer. While the Examiner correctly points out that aluminum oxynitride is mentioned in the Terneu, et al. specification at column 3, line 56, no explicit description of the composition of the aluminum oxynitride layer is provided.

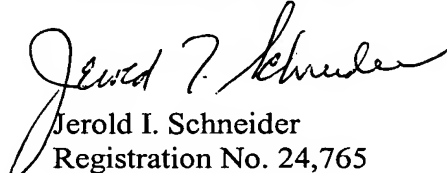
Claim 14 has been amended to provide atomic proportions for the aluminum, nitrogen and oxygen in the aluminum oxynitride layer. This is not taught, suggested nor made obvious by the art of record.

Accordingly, since the prior art does not teach the invention of Claim 14 (the only independent claim), that claim and all dependent claims are allowable.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a conference will expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested and encouraged to contact Applicant's Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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